

**12/7/09 - Monday, December 9, 2009**

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of December 7, 2009**

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Ken Fulgione, John Mann

Members Absent: Sue Nelson, Bob Von Haden

Minutes. The minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

The meeting was chaired by Jenny Ebert.

**1. Discussion and Direction on Expanded Third Ward Historic Landmark District.**

The Commission discussed the status of the proposed Expanded Third Ward Historic Landmark District. The City Council held a public hearing on the proposed designation of the district on November 9th and referred the designation back to the Commission for further study.

The City Council™s primary issue related to the opted out properties. The Council directed the Commission to: contact the opted out property owners to assess their interest in becoming part of the district, review the ordinance changes made in 1994, and consider a phase-in of the opted out properties.

As noted at the previous Commission meetings, the Third Ward local landmark historic district was first designated in 1984 after the original National Register District was created in 1983. The National Register District was then expanded in 2004 based on additional historic survey work undertaken by the State Historical Society. The revised boundary of the local historic district considered by the City Council included two items; more closely coinciding the local historic district boundary with the boundary of the National Register District from 2004 and reinstating properties that were removed from the local landmark district in 1992.

The Commission discussed the process of contacting the opted out property owners and whether they should not only be considering the opted out properties in the Third Ward Landmark District, but also the other opted out properties within the City. It was the general consensus of the Commission that a meeting should again be held with the opted out property owners, with some revisions made to the letter that would be mailed to each property owner. Working with the Third Ward Neighborhood Association and Preservation Foundation would also be important. The Commission will discuss this further at their January meeting.

The Commission also discussed the status of the properties within the 2004 Third Ward National Register Expansion District. It was the consensus of the Commission that they should consider the local landmark status of the National Register properties and opted out properties separately. They noted that the>

Ken Ziehr moved that the Commission schedule a public hearing to consider the local landmark designation of the properties not locally designated that were included in the 2004 Third Ward National Register District Expansion. John Mann seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**2. Discussion and Recommendation on Historic Plaque.**

The Commission continued their discussion regarding a request to erect a plaque recognizing Donald æSarge Boyd in the vicinity of the Owen Park Donald æSarge Boyd Bandshell. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were present at the meeting. The Commission discussed the narrative and indicated that they felt that the narrative was good, but that a couple revisions should be considered. This included adding a reference to the depression era, discussing the connection between Boyd and bandshell, and that the date when the bandshell was dedicated for Boyd should be noted.

The Commission discussed the cost of the plaque and the level of sponsorships for the plaques.

Ken Ziehr moved that the Commission revise their policy for the plaque sponsorships and that the Commission contribute one third of the cost for a plaque up to a maximum of \$600. Katrinka Bourne seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.**

A. HPF Report. John Mann provided an update of activities from the Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF).

B. Update on 2009 CLG Grant Project. The Commission reviewed an email from Tim Heggland noting that he had completed his initial reconnaissance survey of the two neighborhoods. The Commission discussed the email noting disappointment that little historical research is undertaken as part of these surveys. The Commission indicated that they should review the neighborhoods themselves to determine if they should question the eligibility of additional areas or properties. Areas discussed included the west portion of Hoover Street, a commercial building in the vicinity of Ohm and Harding and other residential areas in the Emery/Hogaboom area.

C. Commission Appointments. The Commission continued their discussion that Ken Ziehr and John Mann would be completing their second terms on the Commission at the end of the year. The Commission also noted that this would be Ken and John™s last meeting and thanked them for serving on the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary